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Kansas Health Policy Authority Board focuses on future of health in Kansas

Vision Principles adopted by KHPA Board

Tasked with a mission to develop and maintain a coordinated health policy agenda, the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) Board has laid out its principles to guide them in this process. The six vision principles were adopted following discussions at past Board meetings.

“These six vision principles are the guiding framework of the Board and the work we intend to accomplish. Ranging from the intent to provide access to care to stewardship and education, these principles give us guidance for our ongoing work and upcoming projects in the future,” said Connie Hubbell, Chair of the KHPA Board.

The KHPA Board is comprised of nine voting members who were selected by the Governor and members of the Kansas Senate and House leadership. It also includes seven ex-officio members as outlined in statute. The role of the Board is to provide governance and thoughtful innovative health policy direction, outside of the spotlight of partisan politics, to advance a collective agenda for health.

“As we move forward to meet this vision, the experience of these Board members will be beneficial to all Kansans. Collectively, Board members have several decades of experience in administering, purchasing, and providing health care services and promoting public health,” said Marci Nielsen, Executive Director of KHPA. “Our discussion over these vision principles has been welcomed and encouraging. I look forward to working with our Board members as we seek to fulfill our mission.”

The vision principles are as follows:

- ***Access to Care***—Every Kansan should have access to patient-centered health care and public health services ensuring the right care, at the right place, and the right price. Health promotion and disease prevention should be integrated directly into these services.
- ***Quality and Efficiency in Health Care***—The delivery of care in Kansas should emphasize positive outcomes, safety and efficiency and be based on best practices and evidence-based medicine.
- ***Affordable and Sustainable Health Care***—The financing of health care and health promotion in Kansas should be equitable, seamless, and sustainable for consumers, providers, purchasers and government.
- ***Promoting Health and Wellness***—Kansans should pursue healthy lifestyles with a focus on wellness—to include physical activity, proper nutrition, and refraining from tobacco use—as well as a focus on the informed use of health services over their life course.
- ***Stewardship***—The Kansas Health Policy Authority will administer the resources entrusted to us by the citizens and the State of Kansas with the highest level of integrity, responsibility and transparency.
- ***Education and Engagement of the Public***—Kansans should be educated about health and health care delivery to encourage public engagement in developing an improved health system for all.

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